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Letter dated 4 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to bring to the attention of the Security Council the statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea of 3 February 2016 on North Korea's plan to launch a long-range missile (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 4 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on North Korea's plan to launch a long-range missile

1. It has been confirmed that North Korea informed the relevant international institutions, including the International Maritime Organization, on 2 February 2016, of its plan to launch a long-range missile, claiming it a satellite launch.

2. North Korea's notification of its plan to launch a long-range missile while a Security Council sanction resolution on its recent nuclear test is being discussed is a direct challenge to the entire international community.

3. North Korea must clearly recognize that any launch using ballistic missile technology is a flagrant violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions and should immediately retract this plan.

4. The Government of the Republic of Korea strictly warns North Korea that it will face a harsh response from the international community if it pushes ahead with the launch, which poses a grave threat to peace and security not only on the Korean Peninsula but also in North-East Asia and the wider world.

5. The Government of the Republic of Korea will maintain a watertight posture of readiness against any provocation by North Korea, including a long-range missile launch, which threatens the security of the Republic of Korea and the lives of its people.